

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's claim that the documentary is "news" is blatantly false. Information that was legitimate news in the early '70s has been used repeatedly in pro-Bush campaign commercials, which clearly reduces the documentary to a political advertisement.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Broadcasting a one-sided documentary clearly does not serve the public interest and sets a dangerous precedent.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It is time for the FCC and the FEC to live up to their respective missions. Thank you.